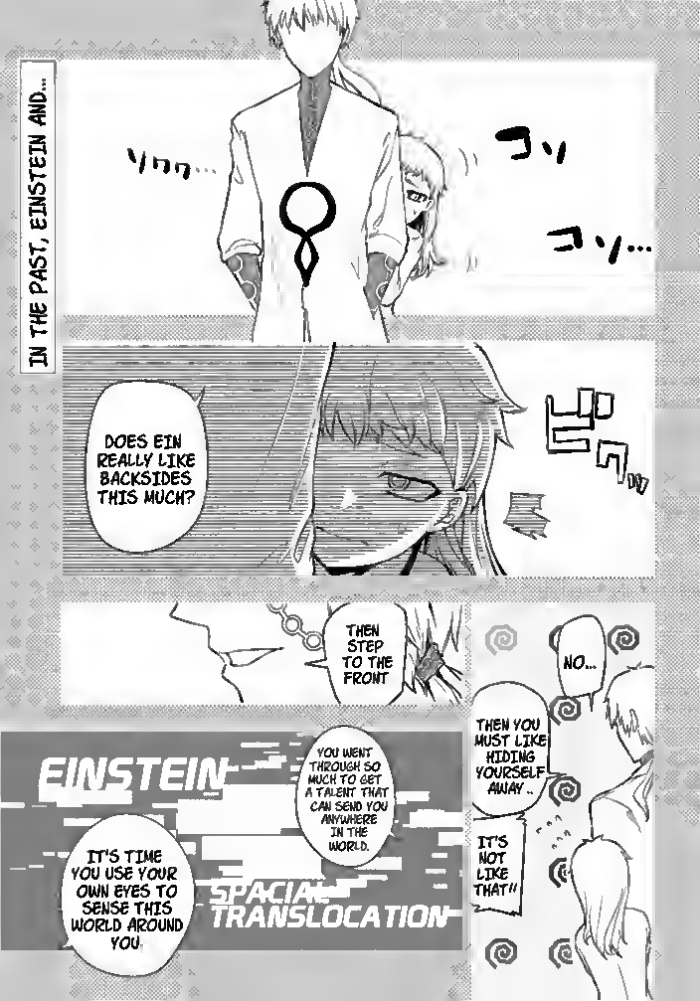
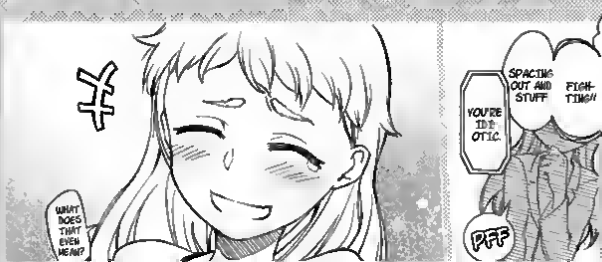

IN THE PAST, EINSTEIN AND...
DOES EIN REALLY LIKE BACKSIDES THIS MUCH?
THEN STEP TO THE FRONT
NO...
THEN YOU MUST LIKE HIDING YOURSELF AWAY..
IT'S NOT LIKE THAT!!
EINSTEIN
YOU WENT THROUGH SO MUCH TO GET A TALENT THAT CAN SEND YOU ANYWHERE IN THE WORLD.
IT'S TIME YOU USE YOUR OWN EYES TO SENSE THIS WORLD AROUND YOU.
SPACIAL TRANSLOCATION

COME ON

SHOULDN'T WE INTRODUCE OURSELVES FIRST? YOU IDIOT
THIS IS THE FIRST TIME WE'VE MET EACH OTHER, SO LET'S TALK ABOUT INTERESTS FIRST OR SOMETHING...
OKAY, OKAY PICASSO AND KOU SHOULD COME OVER HERE TOO.
I ALWAYS LOOK LIKE THIS.
SO ANNOYING IDIOT
DON'T PUT ON THAT FRETTING FACE MUMAH. WE'RE ALL FRIENDS HERE.


WHAT DOES THAT EVEN MEAN?
YOU'RE IDIOTIC.
SPACING OUT AND STUFF
FIGHTING!!
I LIKE DRAWING ...!!
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9TH REINCARNATION:
THE IDEAL STATE OF EXISTENCE

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Petals of Reincarnation

*A TYPE OF APPLE.

EIN, DEEP BREATHS!! DEEP BREATHS!!
EVEN THOUGH I DON'T KNOW WHAT'S GOING ON!! BUT PLEASE CALM DOWN!!

EVERYTHING'S IN TOTAL DISARRAY
WHAT EXACTLY HAPPENED BETWEEN THEM?
LOOKS LIKE EIN IS FOR REAL THIS TIME

WE ARE GOING TO ERADICATE "KOUU".

YOU HAVE ONE MONTH TO DECIDE
THIS IS THE MOST IMPORTANT MISSION FOR THE "GATHERING OF THE GREATS" RIGHT NOW
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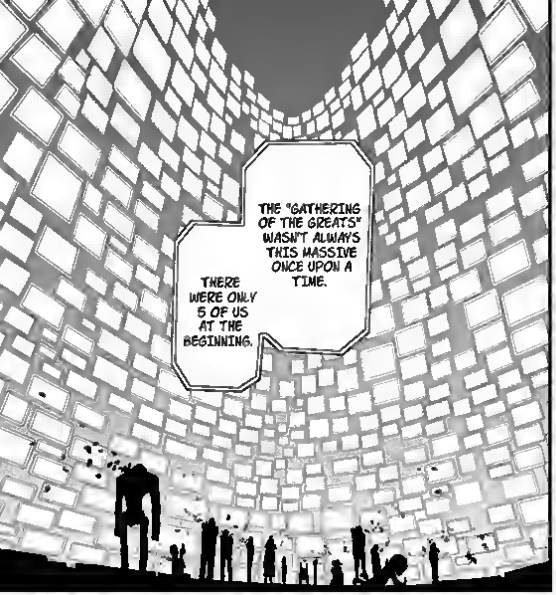
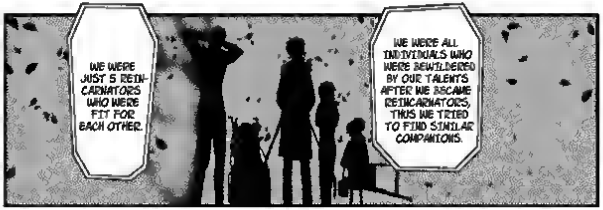
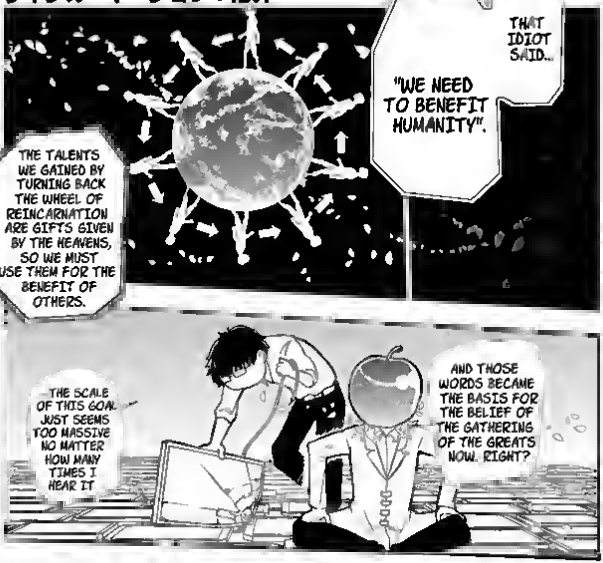
THAT PERSON IS TOO DANGEROUS
I WILL DO MY BEST TO CALCULATE HIS HIDING PLACE, AND THEN.
I STILL WOULD LIKE TO LISTEN TO YOUR REASONS, AND I DON'T WANT TO MAKE A FUSS.
NEUMANN.. LOOKS LIKE YOU'RE NOT SO CALM YOURSELF.
AREN'T YOU BEING A BIT TOO HASTY?
NO MATTER IF IT'S ME OR THE OTHERS, WE ALL..


THE "GATHERING OF THE GREATS" WASN'T ALWAYS THIS MASSIVE ONCE UPON A TIME.
THERE WERE ONLY 5 OF US AT THE BEGINNING.

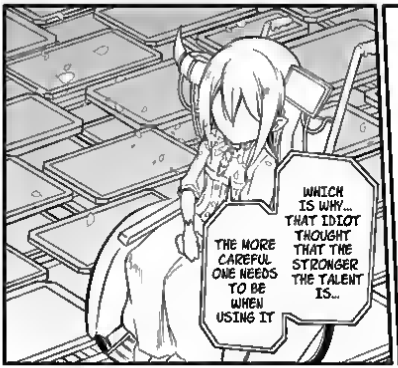
CALM...
..NEUMANN !!


WE WERE JUST 5 REINCARNATORS WHO WERE FIT FOR EACH OTHER.
WE WERE ALL INDIVIDUALS WHO WERE BEWILDERED BY OUR TALENTS AFTER WE BECAME REINCARNATORS, THUS WE TRIED TO FIND SIMILAR COMPANIONS.

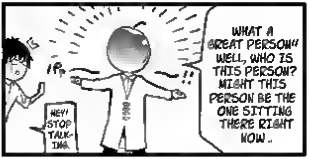
THE ONE WHO BROUGHT US ALL TOGTHER..
WAS A PERSON WHO NEVER TALKED ABOUT HIS OWN ISSUES, BUT ALWAYS TRIED TO PUT HIMSELF IN A POSITION TO BENEFIT OTHERS.
AN IDIOT OF A MAN.
HE REALLY... WAS A VERY VERY STUPID MAN.


THAT IDIOT SAID...
"WE NEED TO BENEFIT HUMANITY".
THE TALENTS WE GAINED BY TURNING BACK THE WHEEL OF REINCARNATION ARE GIFTS GIVEN BY THE HEAVENS, SO WE MUST USE THEM FOR THE BENEFIT OF OTHERS.
THE SCALE OF THIS GOAL JUST SEEMS TOO MASSIVE NO MATTER HOW MANY TIMES I HEAR IT
AND THOSE WORDS BECAME THE BASIS FOR THE BELIEF OF THE GATHERING OF THE GREATS NOW. RIGHT?

I BELIEVE YOU ALL UNDERSTAND WHAT I'M TALKING ABOUT.
THUS, DEPENDING ON HOW THE TALENTS ARE USED...
BUT THE TALENTS THE "REINCARNATORS" HOLD REALLY ARE THAT MASSIVE IN SCALE
THOSE WORDS ARE LAUGHABLE, JUST LIKE A JOKE RIGHT?



"WIPING OUT HUMANITY" OR "DESTROYING THE WORLD" ARE NOT EMPTY THREATS.



FROM HIS POINT OF VIEW, "BENEFITING HUMANITY" IS POINTLESS.
KOUU LOVES "CONFLICT".
SAYING THAT HE'S THE STRONGEST HUMAN EVER ISN'T THAT FAR FROM THE TRUTH. THERE ARE A LOT OF LEGENDS ABOUT HIM TOO.
EH. FROM A HISTORIC PERSPECTIVE
HEY HEY TOYA TOYA! HOW STRONG IS THAT KOUU?
THAT FACE FULL OF ANTICIPATION
AH
.. HMMM.
THAT PERSON'S TALENT, THE "OMNI-RECEPTACLE", IS PROBABLY THE STRONGEST AMONGST ALL REINCARNATORS.
IF HIS INJURIES ARE HEALED, THEN HE'S GOING TO BECOME EVEN MORE DIFFICULT TO DEAL WITH. WHICH IS WHY IF WE DON'T HURRY AND KILL HIM..
THAT'S NOT ALL.
THEN THIS MEANS THAT WE NEED TO DEFEAT "KOUU" AND HIS REINCARNATORS AS FAST AS POSSIBLE?

I CAN BE SURE THAT MY PREDICTIONS ARE CONFIRMED
FROM HOW NEWTON AND FUNASAKA SURVIVED THAT ENCOUNTER THE PREVIOUS TIME AND THE ENCOUNTER LAST TIME...
I SAID IT JUST NOW, THAT PERSON LOVES "CONFLICT"
HE HAS GATHERED THOSE SINNERS THAT HAVE LAUNCHED MASSACRES OVER POLITICAL AND RELIGIOUS REASONS AS WELL AS ONES THAT CAUSED WARS AND FAMINE AND EVEN ONES THAT ESTABLISHED DICTATORSHIPS...
NOW THEY'VE ALL COME TOGETHER UNDER HIM WITH THEIR NEGATIVE TALENTS.
WHAT HE WANTS MUST BE "TO RECREATE A HELL ON EARTH OF HISTORICALLY EPIC PROPORTIONS."
IT APPEARS TO BE SO. YOU CAN GUESS WHO SOME OF THEM ARE JUST BY GLANCING AT THEM.
THOSE PEOPLE THAT GATHERED AROUND KOUU AT THAT TIME ARE ALL BIG SINNERS OF AGES PAST?
YOU MEAN THAT...

HE REALLY IS AN UNFORGIVABLE... MOST EVIL BEING OF EVIL BEINGS!!
SHE SAID IT ALREADY..
HE'S THE TYPE OF BASTARD THAT LOVES THIS SORT OF THING...
BUT WHY WOULD THEY...
I'M GOING TO MAKE SURE I KILL HIM NEXT TIME!!
I THOUGHT I GAVE HIM A LETHAL STRIKE...
WE ALL THOUGHT WE KILLED HIM, BUT NOBODY EXPECTED HE HAD THE MISFORTUNE TO LIVE
HOWEVER, HIS WOUNDS ARE DEEP AND THEY PROBABLY HAVEN'T COMPLETELY HEALED YET
HE MUST HAVE RETREATED THE OTHER DAY BECAUSE OF THIS
"NEXT TIME" HUH...
AND I DO IT SNEAKILY...
JUST LIKE WHAT TOYA IS THINKING...
WHEN WE REMOVED KOU FROM OUR GATHERING WE ALSO LAUNCHED A FIERCE ATTACK ON HIM...
STEALING THOUGHTS FROM MY BRAIN AGAIN

I WANT TO FINISH OFF THAT BASTARD BEFORE HE HEALS..
I CAN'T WAIT AROUND ANYMORE.
I'M GOING TO GO KILL HIM NOW...
EVEN IF IT'S JUST ME, I'M STILL GOING.
EIN!! YOU CAN'T DO THIS ALONE..
YOU MAKE A LOT OF SENSE, BUT I CAN'T LET YOU GO.
IT'S TOO RECK-LESS.
WHAT... YOU PLAN ON STOPP-ING ME?
YOU THINK YOU'RE ABLE TO STOP ME ON YOUR OWN...?
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JUST BEAT ME UP FOR AS LONG AS YOU WANT!!
...HUH ...?
JUST KEEP PUNCH-ING ME UNTIL YOU'VE CALMED DOWN.
I'M NOT QUITE CLEAR ON HOW MUCH YOU HATE KOUU...
BUT I CAN'T HAVE YOU ACTING EMOTIONALLY WITHOUT THINKING CLEARLY
THIS AT LEAST, I DO KNOW
AND I DON'T KNOW HOW CLOSE YOU WERE TO THE PERSON YOU LOST TO HIM...

WHAT YOU'RE DOING IS THROWING AWAY THE COMPANIONS YOU HAVE RIGHT NOW FOR THE PERSON YOU'VE LOST ALREADY..
OUR COMBAT ABILITY WILL DE-CREASE BY A LOT!!
WHAT IF WE LOSE YOU, EIN?
IF YOU PLAN TO ACT SOLO WITHOUT KNOWING WHERE THE OPPONENT IS HIDING AND HOW MANY COMBAT ASSETS HE'S GOT..
TREM-LETT'S !!
A TYPE OF APPLE.
IT'S JUST THAT...
DO YOU THINK I DON'T KNOW THIS?!!
SHUT UP, SHUT UP!!
..DON'T TREAT THIS AS YOUR OWN PRIVATE MATTERS..

AS LONG AS EVERYBODY THINKS THIS WAY, IF WE ALL STAND TOGETHER UNITED THEN WE WILL WIN ON THE OTHER HAND...
THAT'S RIGHT
WE DO HAVE ABILITIES SUCH AS IMMORTALITY, GRAVITY MANIPULATION, AND EVEN INSTANT TELEPORTATION WITH US YOU KNOW? HOW CAN WE POSSIBLY LOSE TO THOSE CRIMINALS.
RIGHT? NEUMANN
IT'S EXACTLY BECAUSE THE ENEMY IS STRONG THAT WE ALL NEED TO FIGHT TOGETHER
LET'S ALL DO OUR BEST.
THIS IS A GRAND CHANCE TO CLEANSE THESE EVIL TALENTS.
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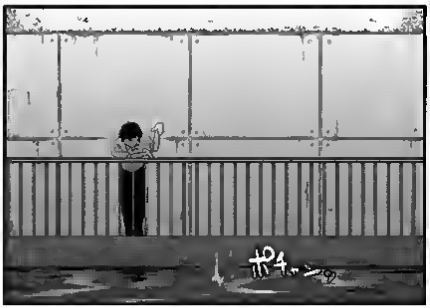
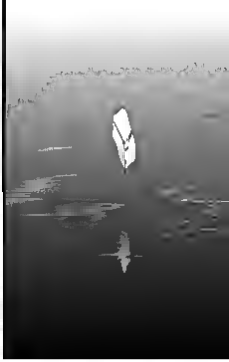
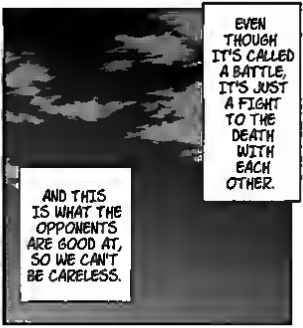
OKAY?
OHH—!!
LET'S DO THIS TOGETHER—!!
YOU MIND YOUR OWN BUSINESS!!





THE BATTLE HAS BEGUN.

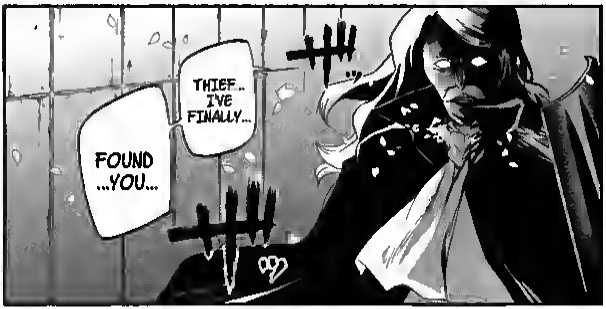
A FINAL BATTLE
A BATTLE BETWEEN THE "GATHERING OF THE GREATS" THAT I BELONG TO AND THE "SINNER ARMY" LEAD BY KOUJ.


AND THIS IS WHAT THE OPPONENTS ARE GOOD AT, SO WE CAN'T BE CARELESS.
EVEN THOUGH IT'S CALLED A BATTLE, IT'S JUST A FIGHT TO THE DEATH WITH EACH OTHER.

TOYA, I WANT YOU TO CALM DOWN AND LISTEN TO ME
MY OWN FUTURE... HUH...
EVEN THOUGH IT'S GOOD TO HAVE AS MANY ASSETS AS POSSIBLE..
BUT IT IS WITHOUT A DOUBT THAT THE MORTALITY RATE OF THOSE REINCARNATORS WITH LESS FIGHTING ABILITY IS WAY TOO HIGH.
I'M PLANNING ON ALSO CONVINCING PICASSO AND EDISON TO NOT JOIN THE FIGHT.
WHAT IS IT? SO FORMAL...
THIS SCALE OF THIS COMING BATTLE IS FAR GREATER THAN ANY BEFORE
EIN !!
WE WENT THROUGH ALL THAT AND GOT EVERYBODY FIRED UP, HOW COULD YOU—
I'M JUST SAYING THE TRUTH!!
YOU'RE USELESS ANYWAYS.
...WHICH MEANS...
IT MEANS THAT YOU SHOULD CLAMP YOUR TAIL BETWEEN YOUR LEGS AND SCAMPER AWAY.

I THINK YOU ALSO RECOGNIZED THAT FACT WITH THAT AGAINST
ALSO, YOU DON'T EVEN HAVE FULL CONTROL OVER YOUR OWN TALENT!!
YOU'RE JUST A ROOKIE REINCARNATOR AND YOU CAN'T HOLD YOUR REINCARNATE STATE FOR LONG AT ALL.
IF YOU DON'T WANT TO DIE THEN JUST HIDE YOURSELF AWAY AT HOME...
TOYA-KUN, PLEASE DON'T MIND TOO MUCH ABOUT THE WAY SHE TALKS!!
SHE IS JUST WORRIED ABOUT YOUR PERSONAL SAFETY THAT'S ALL!!
EVEN THOUGH SHE'S VICIOUS TOWARDS MEN, SHE REALLY HAS A KIND...
*BIS-MARK!
I'M NOT WORRIED ABOUT HIM YOU'RE TOO CLOSE TO ME!! APPLEHEAD!!

*A TYPE OF APPLE.


THIEF.. I'VE FINALLY...
FOUND ...YOU...

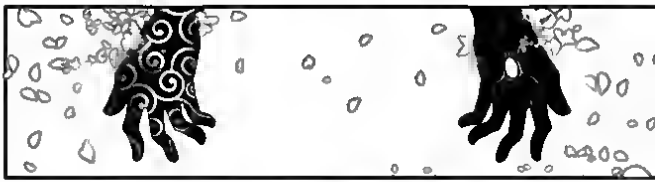
LORD VLAD...

GIVE IT BACK!!
GIVE IT BACK..
OR ELSE, ARE YOU HERE TO AVENGE YOUR SECOND FAILURE?
ARE YOU HERE AS A VANGUARD FOR THE KOUU ARMY?
GIVE IT BACK..
BEEP
WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE AT THIS HOUR OF THE NIGHT..?
CLICK
YOU SHAME-LESS THIEF!!
ARE YOU PLAYING WITH ME !!
AHH..
GIVE IT BACK!! MY TALENT!!
YOU SAW YOUR CHANCE THE OTHER DAY AND YOU STOLE IT RIGHT?!!

STEP.
DID YOU TELL ANYBODY ABOUT THIS..
WHY WOULD I DO THAT!!
THIS IS MY ETERNAL SHAME, WHY WOULD I TELL...

NOW, TO PREVENT THIS INFOR-MATION FROM SPREAD-ING.
GOOD. THAT IS JUST PERFECT.

I'LL HAVE TO MAKE YOU..



DIS-APPEAR RIGHT NOW.

USAGE
OF
STOLEN
GOODS

TALENT
LEFT ARM
OF THE
THIEF

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TALENT
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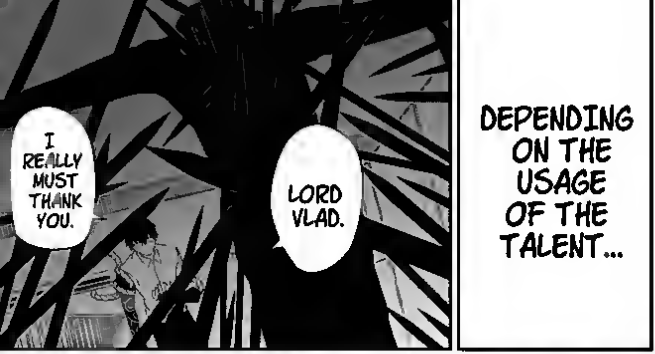
LORD IMPALER

THAT'S RIGHT... THE ARMS OF THE THIEF IS A PAIR.
A RIGHT ARM FOR THIEVERY, A LEFT ARM FOR USAGE.
I PRETENDED THAT A PART OF MY TALENT WAS IT'S ENTIRITY. AND I HID THE TRUE VALUE OF IT
I MADE THEM THINK THAT MY TALENT COULD ONLY STEAL OBJECTS.
DISPLAYING ONLY MY EIGHT ARM IN FRONT OF MY COMPANIONS WAS TO FOOL THEM.
IT IS A TALENT THAT IS ABLE TO STEAL "TALENTS".


I REALLY MUST THANK YOU.
LORD VLAD.
DEPENDING ON THE USAGE OF THE TALENT...

REST EASY AND DEPART THIS WORLD I WILL ALLOW YOUR TALENT..
YOU ALLOWED ME TO TEST OUT MY ACM BEFORE THE BIG BATTLE.

A MYRIAD OF CHANGES.
TO BE UTILIZED WITH GREATER EFFECT THROUGH MY HANDS.
THE EFFECTS CAN HAVE...

BLADE
THE BATTLE HAS STARTED...
I REALLY HAVE SO MUCH TO BE THANKFUL FOR.
THERE ARE SO MANY ENEMIES AND MY COMPANIONS ALL LOOK DOWN UPON ME.
THE BEST POSSIBLE TIMING !!
THIS IS FANTASTIC!!
EVEN IF IT'S JUST AMONG MY OWN COMPANIONS, THESE ARE ALL TALENTS THAT I WANT

NO MATTER IF IT'S THE "GREATS" OR THE "SINNERS"...
IF IT'S AN ENEMY THEN I DEFEAT THEM HEAD ON. IF IT'S A COMPANION THEN I STAB THEM FROM THE BACK.
A CHAOTIC FIGHT IS MY BEST CHANCE
I'LL STEAL, I'LL STEAL, I'LL STEAL THEM ALL!!
IF IT'S A USEFUL TALENT THEN I STEAL IT!!

WHEN I'VE STOLEN ALL THE TALENTS, MY TALENT WILL BECOME THE "TALENT" THAT ENCOMPASSES THE ENTIRITY OF HISTORY ITSELF.

I CAN'T WAIT. I CAN'T WAIT. I CAN'T WAIT.
THIS WAY, I'LL DEFINITELY SURPASS MY BROTHER

THE ONE LAUGHING AT THE END...
WON'T BE THE "GREATS"...
OR THE "SINNERS"...

TOYA, PLANNING TO MOVE STEALTHILY ACCROSS THE BATTLEFIELD IN ORDER TO FULFILL HIS OWN AMBITION.
EVERYBODY HAS THEIR OWN REASONS TO FIGHT. NEXT ISSUE: THE FIGHT BEGINS!

IT WILL
BE ME.